(e) The reasons for such increase and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules thereunder, the State Licensing Authorities are empowered to ensure that Schedule-H drugs are not sold by the chemists and druggists without the prescription of a Registered Medical Practitioner. The Central Government does not monitor State-wise consumption of Schedule-H drugs. These figures are not available.

(b) Rule 97 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 requires that the container of a medicine shall bear on its label the symbol Rx which shall be conspicuously displayed on the left corner of the label if it contains a substance specified in Schedule-H. The container of the medicine shall also be labelled with the words 'Schedule-H drug—Warning : To be sold by retail on the prescription of Registered Medical Practitioner only.' Furthermore the said Rule also requires that medicines falling under Schedule-H shall also bear on their label a conspicuous red vertical line on the left side running through out the body of the label.

(c) No reports are available with the Drugs Controller General of India regarding any abnormal increase in consumption of such drugs in certain parts of the country.

(d) and (e) In view of the above, the question does not arise.

Discrepancies in Purchase of CGHS Unani Medicines

3172. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that aCommittee under Charimanship of D.G.H.S. was constituted to inquire the discrepancies found in purchase of C.G.H.S. Unani Medicines;

(b) if so, the details of the findings of the Committee;

(c) whether any action has been taken on the findings of the Committee and, if not, the reasons therefor; and

' (d) by when, the action on the report will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to' (d) The report submitted by the Committee is being examined by the Government and necessary action would be taken expeditiously.